

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 47, 49-50, 65-66, 84-85, 94-95, 101, 108-109, 114-116, and 123 are amended; claims 1-46, 54, 58-64, 69-83, 87-92 are cancelled; claims 47-53, 55-57, 65-68, 84-86 and 93-123 are pending in this application, upon entry of this amendment. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 49 and 95-100 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 47, 48, 50-53, 55-57, 64-68, 84-86, 93, 94, 101-123 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejected claims have been amended to overcome the rejection, as summarized below.

Claim 47 is amended to replace “said motor operating voltage” with “a motor operating voltage. Further, consistent with changes made to other independent claims, claim 47 is amended to replace “said DC motor main magnetic circuit” with “a main magnetic circuit of said DC motor”.

Consistent with changes made to other independent claims, claim 50 is amended to replace “the said DC motor main magnetic circuit” with “a main magnetic circuit of said DC motor”.

Claim 64 has been cancelled.

Claim 65 has been amended to change the dependency from cancelled claim 64 to independent claim 64.

Claim 94 is amended to replace “further comprising” with “wherein said DC motor is”.

Claim 101 is amended to replace “further comprising” with “wherein said DC motor is”.

Claim 108 is amended to replace “further comprising” with “wherein said DC motor is”.

Claim 109 is amended to replace “said motor operating voltage” with “a motor operating voltage. Further, consistent with changes made to other independent claims, claim 108 is amended to replace “said DC motor main magnetic circuit” with “a main magnetic circuit of said DC motor”.

Claim 114 is amended to address the rejection and is now consistent with the corresponding wording of dependent claims 93, 99, 106, and 121.

Claim 115 is amended to replace “further comprising” with “wherein said DC motor is”.

Claim 116 is amended to replace “said motor operating voltage” with “a motor operating voltage. The second occurrence of “a direct current (DC) voltage source,” is deleted. Further, consistent with changes made to other independent claims, claim 116 is amended to replace “the said DC motor main magnetic circuit” with “a main magnetic circuit of said DC motor”.

Claim 123 is amended to replace “further comprising” with “wherein said DC motor is”.

Additionally, and consistent with changes made to other independent claims, claim 49 is amended to replace “the said DC motor main magnetic circuit” with “a main magnetic circuit of said DC motor”.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the examiner for the indication that claims 47, 48, 50-53, 55-57, 64-68, 84-86, 93, 94, 101-123 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any

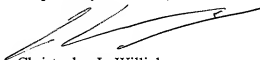
intervening claims. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection, and are therefore ready for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a formal notification to that effect at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,

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